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5 June 1952

INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held in Director's
Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, on 5 June 1952

Director of Central Intelligence
General Walter Bedell Smith*
Presiding

Deputy Director (Intelligence)
Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Loftus E. Becker*
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant, Intelligence,
Department of State
Brigadier General John Weckerling, acting for Assistant Chief
of Staff, G-2, Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Felix L. Johnson, Director of Naval Intelligence,
Department of the Navy
Colonel Edward H. Porter, acting for Director of Intelligence,
Headquarters, United States Air Force
*Dr. Malcolm C. Henderson, acting for Director of Intelligence,
Atomic Energy Commission
Brigadier General Richard C. Partridge, Deputy Director for
Intelligence, The Joint Staff
Mr. Victor P. Keay, acting for Assistant to the Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Sherman Kent, Central Intelligence Agency
*Mr. Robert Amory, Jr., Central Intelligence Agency
[redacted] Central Intelligence Agency
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Mr. Ludwell L. Montague, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. [redacted], Central Intelligence Agency
*Mr. William F. Bundy, Central Intelligence Agency
*Mr. Chester Cooper, Central Intelligence Agency
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Mr. William C. Trueheart, Department of State
Mr. R. M. Scammon, Department of State
Mr. Mose L. Harvey, Department of State
Mr. Joseph A. Yeager, Department of State
Colonel O. B. Sykes, Department of the Army
Lieut. Colonel H. N. Maples, Department of the Army
Captain Ray Malpass, USN, Department of the Navy
Colonel Charles F. Gillis, Department of the Air Force
Colonel S. M. Lansing, The Joint Staff
Colonel John D. Tolman, The Joint Staff

James Q. Reber
Secretary

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Approval of Minutes

1. Action: The minutes of the last meeting, 29 May 1952, (IAC-M-72) were approved.

RDB Request for Intelligence Estimate of Soviet Scientific and Technological Capabilities (IAC-D-51)

2. Action: Agreed that the RDB request would be met by the JIC if this proved to be within the latter's capability. In this event it was understood that the JIC would arrange for the RDB promptly to withdraw their request on the DCI.

3. Discussion: It was pointed out that the JIC had a study now in progress (JIC 603/1) which was along the lines of the RDB request. It was thought probable that with some adaptation this study would satisfy the RDB request and also serve as a scientific and technological contribution for NIE-65. General Smith stated that a component of the Defense Department, such as RDB, should, where possible, get its intelligence support from the military intelligence agencies. The DCI satisfies the intelligence requirements of the NSC and, although willing to satisfy a need of such organizations as RDB, if practicable, will be glad to have such needs satisfied elsewhere. In response to a question General Smith agreed that CIA components would be willing to give informal assistance to the military analysts, to the extent that was practicable in the light of their other duties, but made it clear that CIA does not participate in JIC estimates and assumes no responsibility therefor. If it should develop that the JIC could not without outside contributions meet the RDB need and the RDB request is not withdrawn, then the DCI stated he would expect to try to satisfy the request on a community basis.

Probable Development in Argentina (NIE-66)

4. Action: Approved.



5. Action: Final consideration postponed pending re-examination of the paper by the representatives, taking into account the

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Dissemination of National
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Governments

7. Discussion: Mr. Becker called attention to the existing agreed procedure (IAC-D-45/2) for securing the concurrence or non-concurrence for proposals to disseminate national intelligence to foreign governments which was an agreed inter-agency procedure. In keeping with this he noted that it would perhaps meet each agency's own needs for internal consultation if this procedure were followed rather than considering the question of dissemination in the IAC meeting at the time an estimate is approved for publication.

Dissemination of NIE's
to the NSC Senior Staff

8. Discussion: While recognizing the obligation to serve the NSC, Mr. Armstrong expressed concern regarding the recent practice, as in the case of SE-30, of dissemination to the NSC Senior Staff of draft NIE's. It was his fear that such dissemination would impress the minds of the readers so that the final approved version might not be read and earlier impressions changed. Such a result is quite possible in the instance of the present estimate on Berlin, which as approved is quite different from the draft version. Furthermore, this practice could conceivably have the effect of freezing the view of the Board in subsequent interagency discussions on the estimate.

9. Mr. Becker pointed out that the NSC Senior Staff had on occasion written its own intelligence into policy papers and that this had disturbed General Smith. At the same time the NSC Senior

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Staff had indicated that it would be much more useful if intelligence could be available earlier in the preparation of an NSC policy paper. General Smith had accordingly instructed that such accommodations as were possible be made to take care of the two foregoing points.

10. It was recognized that in the case of the present crash estimate, in which the first draft did not contain agency contributions because of time limitations, such preliminary dissemination to the Senior Staff was inadvisable unless made available with notice simultaneously to the agencies. However, Mr. Armstrong indicated that he would be less concerned over dissemination to the Senior Staff of estimates which reflected agency views but were not necessarily fully coordinated.

Probable Soviet Courses of Action with Respect to Berlin
(SE-30)

11. Action: Approved the estimate as modified. The State Department dissent will be revised and shortened prior to publication.



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- ① Existing almost complete JIG paper to satisfy RDB request (IAC-D-51) and portion contribution NIE-65. RDB request to CIA will be referred to JIC for action.
- ② State concerned about uncoordinated drafts going to NSC.
- ③ SE-29 referred back to Reps.



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